

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (Currently Amended) An information display system comprising:
 - a display unit including a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;
 - an operation unit indicating an item of information to be displayed in each of said display areas;
 - an acquiring unit acquiring the specified item of information; and
 - a control unit having the acquired information displayed in said corresponding display area,

wherein when a first item of information displayed in a first display area is related to a second item of information, and when giving ~~given~~ an indication of displaying the second item of information, the second item of information is displayed in a second display area while keeping the display of the first item of information in said first display area, and

wherein the indication of displaying the second item of information is given by operating ~~dragging~~ a link information indicated by a specified character key word displayed in the first display area into the second display area.
2. (Original) An information display system according to claim 1, wherein said acquiring unit includes a communication unit and acquires the information by accessing a network.
3. (Original) An information display system according to claim 1, further comprising a history storing module storing display histories of items of information displayed, wherein the items of information stored as the display histories are displayed in a predetermined order in said respective display areas.

4-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) An information display system comprising:
a display unit including a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;
an operation unit indicating an item of information to be displayed in each of said display areas;
an acquiring unit acquiring the specified item of information; and
a control unit having displaying the acquired information displayed in each of said corresponding display areas,
wherein said display unit displays identifying information for identifying each of said display areas,
said control unit, when the identifying information corresponding to the display area is specified through said operation unit, enlarges said display area corresponding to the identifying information, displays only said single display area and deletes other display areas.

7. (Original) An information display system according to claim 6, wherein the identifying information is displayed within said display area identified by the identifying information,
when said operation unit detects an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, said display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged.

8. (Previously Presented) An information display system according to claim 6, wherein when said operation unit detects an indication operation with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) An information display system according to claim 9, comprising:
a display unit displaying a circumferential turn object which includes an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;
a detection unit detecting an operation of said operation unit with respect to said circumferential turn object; and

a control unit circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation;

wherein said operation unit is a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and said indicator turns counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turns clockwise by depressing said second button.

11. (Original) An information display system according to claim 10, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

 said first button is the left button, and

 said second button is the right button.

12. (Currently Amended) An information display system comprising:

 a communication unit obtaining information by accessing a network;

 a display unit displaying the information obtained;

 a correspondence storage module making an item of identifying information correspond to a specified item of information; and

 a control unit displaying, in a display area, the information obtained from the network via said communication unit,

 wherein said display unit includes a display area for displaying the information and a circumferential turn object having an indicator, indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape, and

 said control unit detects an operation of said operation unit with respect to said circumferential turn object, circumferentially turns said indicator in accordance with the operation of said operation unit, and displays the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is circumferentially turned,

wherein said operation unit is a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and
said indicator turns counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turns clockwise
by depressing said second button.

13. (Original) An information display system according to claim 12, wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along said substantially circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and

when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

14-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

forming a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;
specifying information to be displayed in the display area;
obtaining a specified first item of information; and
displaying the obtained information in the display area corresponding thereto,
displaying the a second item of information in a second display area while keeping the display of the first item of information in said first display area, when a the first item of information displayed in a the first display area is related to a the second item of information, and when giving an indication of displaying the second item of information,

wherein the indication of displaying the second item of information is given by operating dragging a link information indicated by a specified character key word displayed in the first display area into the second screen area.

20. (Original) A readable-by-computer recording medium recorded with a program, executed by a computer according to claim 19, further comprising obtaining the information by accessing a network.

21. (Original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 19, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising storing display histories of items of information displayed,

wherein the items of information stored as the display histories are displayed in a predetermined order in respective display areas.

22-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible

embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps comprising:

forming a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;

specifying information to be displayed in the display areas;

obtaining a specified item of information;

displaying the obtained information in ~~the~~a display area corresponding thereto,

displaying identifying information for identifying said corresponding display area; and

detecting an operation with respect to the identifying information,

wherein when the identifying information corresponding to the corresponding display area is specified, said display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged, only said corresponding single display area is displayed and other display areas ~~is~~are deleted.

25. (Original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 19, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising displaying the identifying information within said display area identified by the identifying information, and, when detecting an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, enlarging said single display area corresponding to the identifying information.

26. (Original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 25, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein when detecting an indication operation with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program ~~according to claim 27~~, of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

displaying a circumferential turn object including an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object; and

circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation,

wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

29. (Original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 28, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

said first button is the left button, and

said second button is the right button.

30. (Currently amended) A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

obtaining information by accessing a network;

forming a display area for displaying the information;

displaying a circumferential turn object having an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

making the identifying information corresponding to a specified item of information;

detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object;

circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation; and

displaying, in said display area, the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is circumferentially turned;

wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

31. (Original) A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 30, of instructions executable by the machine, wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and

when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

32-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended) An information display method comprising:
forming a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;
specifying information to be displayed in the display area;
obtaining a specified first item of information; and
displaying the obtained information in the-a first display area corresponding thereto,
displaying the-a second item of information in a second display area while keeping the
display of the first item of information in said first display area, when a-the first item of
information displayed in a-the first display area is related to a-the second item of information, and
when giving an indication of displaying the second item of information,
wherein the indication of displaying the second item of information is given by operating
dragging a link information indicated by a specified character key word displayed in the first
display area into the second display area.

38. (Original) An information display method according to claim 37, further
comprising obtaining the information by accessing a network.

39. (Original) An information display method according to claim 37, further
comprising storing display histories of items of information displayed,
wherein the items of information stored as the display histories are displayed in a
predetermined order in respective display areas.

40-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) An information display method comprising:
forming a plurality of display areas into which a predetermined area is divided;
specifying information to be displayed in the display areas;
obtaining a specified item of information;
displaying the obtained information in the-a display area corresponding thereto,
displaying identifying information for identifying said corresponding display area, and
detecting an operation with respect to the identifying information,
wherein when the identifying information corresponding to the display area is specified,

said display area corresponding to the identifying information is enlarged, only said single corresponding display area is displayed and other display areas is-are deleted.

43. (Original) An information display method according to claim 37, further comprising displaying the identifying information within said display area identified by the identifying information, and, when detecting an indicating operation with respect to the identifying information, enlarging said single display area corresponding to the identifying information.

44. (Original) An information display method according to claim 43, wherein when detecting an indication operation with respect to the identifying information, said enlarged single display area is changed into a plurality of display areas.

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) An information display method according to claim 45, comprising:

displaying a circumferential turn object including an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape;

detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object; and

circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation;

wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

47. (Original) An information display method according to claim 46, wherein said two buttons are right and left buttons,

said first button is the left button, and

said second button is the right button.

48. (Currently amended) An information display method comprising:

obtaining information by accessing a network;

forming a display area for displaying the information;

displaying a circumferential turn object having an indicator, for indicating any one piece of identifying information among pieces of identifying information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape, circumferentially turning about the center of the circumferential shape; making the identifying information corresponding to a specified item of information; detecting an operation with respect to said circumferential turn object; circumferentially turning said indicator in accordance with the detected operation; and displaying, in said display area, the information corresponding to the identifying information indicated in a position to which said indicator is circumferentially turned;

wherein the operation is an operation of a pointing device having at least two pieces of buttons, and

an indicator is turned counterclockwise by depressing said first button and turned clockwise by depressing said second button.

49. (Original) An information display method according to claim 48, wherein said turn object has pieces of information arranged along substantially a circumferential shape and each representing the number of divisions by which the display area of said display unit is divided, and when said indicator is turned to the position of indicating the information representing the number of divisions, the display area is divided by this number of divisions, and plural items of information are displayed in the divided display areas.

50-54. (Cancelled)